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1. [REDACTED] 25X1

it was learned in early October 1950 that the construction work done at the Finow (N 53/V 08) airfield was accepted on 25 November 1949 by Lieutenant Colonel Karnakovski (fnu) and Major Matus (fnu) of [REDACTED] (1) The construction costs amounted to 2,554,300 eastmarks. A supplementary calculation of costs was approved by Colonel Torachkov (fnu). The construction project was executed by the Bauunion-Ost.

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2. Twenty-six jet fighters with swept-back wings, at least 16 two-seater single-engine low-wing monoplanes, painted a light blue, one twin-engine transport plane, painted dark-green, and with nine cabin windows, and two other dark-green biplanes, were seen at Finow airfield from 1:15 to 1:40 p.m. on 2 October 1950. (2) There was no flying.

3. Twenty-eight jet fighters with swept wings, at least 16 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, one twin-engine transport plane, and three biplanes were standing at the field from 2:15 to 3 p.m. on 3 October 1950. [REDACTED]

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(3) Forty-one officers and 135 EM were seen at the field. There was intensive flying with single-engine monoplanes. [REDACTED]

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4. German laborers were erecting a wooden shed at the northeast edge of the field, about 100 meters from the Finow-Biesenthal (N 53/Z 97) road. The radio station at the Finowfurth (N 53/Z 98) estate was dismantled, but the estate was still occupied. Two air force officers and 5 EM were seen there. The detached mast about eight meters high, at the radio station east of the field, was removed. (5) The radio station previously observed in the woods between the waterfall and Speckthausen (N 53/V 00) was still there. The radar set at the cantonment north of the Finow-Finowfurth railroad line was also observed at its previous location. (6)

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5. Three parachutists jumped in rapid succession from a twin-engine aircraft, presumably a DC-3, over the Finow airfield at 4:30 p.m. on 6 October 1950. The jump was made from an altitude of about 2,000 meters and the parachutes opened after a fall of about 50 meters. Two more groups of 2 and 5 men and an individual parachutist jumped after the aircraft had each flown one circle. (7)
6. Thirty-one jet planes with swept-back wings and a red cover on the air exhaust, 27 single-engine low-wing monoplanes and five DC-3s were counted at the Finow airfield from 3 to 5 p.m. on 7 October 1950. (2) The western boundary of the field was formed by the road to Diesenthal from kilometer marker 0.4 to about 1.6. An east-west runway, about 2 km long, begins about 150 m west of this road.

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- (1) [redacted] presumably is assigned to an element of the Hq Twenty-Fourth Air Army.
- (2) The data on the occupation of the field confirm the presence of type Mig-15 fighters, and conventional piston fighters. According to other information the field is occupied by two fighter regiments. These fighter regiments are among the few fighter units which are apparently still equipped with a sizeable number of conventional fighter aircraft.

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